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DIRECTOR: I think we are pretty close to agreement on this paper. You all have a copy of State's paper? I think it is a good paper, except for a few small changes. The Atomic Energy people accept it. There isn't much difference.

GEN. IRWIN: We are willing to discuss it on the basis of the State paper.

DIRECTOR: I would like to start off by getting everybody's comments. I think under the first Recommendation 1 - your first paragraph, starting with the words "This should be considered as an interim statement;" we would like to recommend: "Specific comments of the IAC on the recommendations in the Report, together with an indication of action which can be taken immediately or in the near future, are set forth below." This matter will be a matter of the intelligence agencies rather than as an interim report.

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[REDACTED] We didn't get a copy of that paper. Do you have an extra copy that we can go along?

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[REDACTED] It might have gotten into the wrong channel.

MR. ARMSTRONG: It is this one mail delivery a day. We are very sorry.

DIRECTOR: In State's paper, in the first paragraph start at "This should be considered as an interim report" down at the end of the paragraph we say instead of State's "This is an interim statement; a comprehensive program" we would recommend: "Specific comments of the IAC on the recommendations in the Report, together with an indication of action that can be taken immediately or in the near future are set forth below."

GEN. CABELL: It is all right with me.

GEN. IRWIN: It is all right with me.

MR. ARMSTRONG: I have the feeling we ought to indicate to the Council that the IAC considers itself seized with the problem of

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continuing to come up with action reports or action developments and that seems to be to trail off a little into the indefinite. If you are willing to put it on the basis of the IAC will continue to carry this matter on its agenda or something of that sort, so it gives the Council the feeling that we are not turning aside but are going right along with further studies.

DIRECTOR: "This matter will be carried -

MR. ARMSTRONG: "The Report will continue to be an agenda matter for the IAC."

MR. TRUEHEART: Probably could be kept under a continuing matter on the agenda.

DIRECTOR: That is almost the same. It is all right with me.

GEN. CABELL: It is all right with me.

DIRECTOR: Under Recommendation 1 we would like to change that where it says: IAC Comments:It is agreed, however, that collection of atomic energy information should have a high priority in all collection agencies as any other targets" change that to "it should have a very high priority in all collection agencies" and stop. With those "other targets" you are limiting yourselves. I had an example come up to me - somebody got a lot of codes and when some atomic energy information came along he grabbed that first, and the first information was much more valuable.

GEN. CABELL: I had the same complaint from different directions. Insert before the word "priority" "general."

ADM. JOHNSON: I had another one. "It was agreed, however, that atomic energy information should have a priority commensurate with other targets."

DIRECTOR: I think we all mean the same thing. Now pick the words. It should have a high priority, it is whether it should have the highest of all.

GEN. CABELL: The reason we want "general" is because we have a general priority which is a general guide. Then we have various specific priority steps. A specific case of a lower general priority might take priority over a specific priority of a general priority. It has not

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been precluded by this statement of "general priority."

MR. ARMSTRONG: You would leave the last four words out and insert the one word?

DIRECTOR: "It is agreed, however, that collection of atomic energy information should have as high a general priority in all collection agencies as any other targets." We will take either phrase. I don't think there is much difference between them.

MR. ARMSTRONG: I think it is a little more specific and leaves it on a comparative basis "as any other targets."

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DIRECTOR: We will leave it that way. "high a general priority in all collection agencies as any other targets." There again I think we are in agreement. What we want is a case of words. The Air Force recommendation for Recommendation 2: "That the [REDACTED] program for the development and operation of technical surveillance systems for estimating Soviet plutonium production and for detecting the explosion of a thermonuclear weapon and determining nature and characteristics thereof, be maintained and actively supported." That is agreeable as far as we are concerned. The IAC comment below: "The Air Force [REDACTED] program for providing, by scientific means, intelligence of foreign atomic energy activities should be continued and supported in accordance with directives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff pertinent to this activity." That is o.k.

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ADM. JOHNSON: I had the idea about the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It occurred to us with this going to the NSC they might take charge of this program and bypass the JCS.

GEN. CABELL: The reason of putting that in we are not certain but what those directives will be subject to change.

DIRECTOR: The NSC won't bypass the JCS because that is not an operating body, they will pass it on.

MR. TRUEHEART: They approve the directives.

GEN. CABELL: And presumably have changed this directive. It is acceptable. We look to that agency for the issuance of directives.

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MR. ARMSTRONG: It is all right with me.

GEN. IRWIN: It is all right with me.

DIRECTOR: Dr. Henderson?

DR. HENDERSON: It suits me fine.

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DIRECTOR: Recommendation 3 - the comment on that: "Support has been given to the [REDACTED] program since its inception through formalized arrangements between that office and participating technical agencies of the government, both within and without the Department of Defense. These formalized arrangements should be maintained to insure continuing full support for the program and it is expected that they will continue."

DR. HENDERSON: I will buy that.

DIRECTOR: We will take it.

GEN. CABELL: We have received excellent cooperation from them.

DIRECTOR: We have nothing to propose on State's paper until we get to the middle of page 4, which is merely a word change. Recommendation 6. "Relationships between Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions and OSO" change "OSO" to "CIA."

ADM. JOHNSON: Rather than "reorganized" I thought it should be coordinated and more effectively staffed. In the Recommendation 4 where it says "overt collection activities abroad be reorganized."

MR. ARMSTRONG: That is the Recommendation, we can't change that.

ADM. JOHNSON: We can make the recommendation that it be changed.

DIRECTOR: That comes at the top of page 3. We have no comments, we will take that. We will take that 4 without any change.

GEN. CABELL: I have a suggested change in the last paragraph. "It is expected that the forthcoming assignment of scientific attaches to various posts by the Department of State" I would insert there another fact "and additional Air Technical Liaison Officers."

DIRECTOR: ". . . /and additional Air Technical Liaison Officers." Put those in capital letters. ". . . to certain appropriate collection activities."

GEN. CABELL: I have no further change.

DIRECTOR: How about that change? o.k.?

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MR. ARMSTRONG: It is o.k. with me.

DIRECTOR: We have nothing on Recommendation 5. Anybody else?
Recommendation 6: Change "OSO" to "CIA."

MR. ARMSTRONG: That is referring to the specific OSO agreement and under the recommendation concerning the administration of both overt and covert operations. If you put CIA it broadens it to include OPC, ORE, and the other offices of the organization.

DIRECTOR: It says "Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions."

MR. ARMSTRONG: I will change "Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions" to State Department."

DIRECTOR: Let it stay.

MR. ARMSTRONG: Well, in fact, I prefer the change. It includes at home as well as in the field.

DIRECTOR: Change that to "State Department."

MR. TRUEHEART: The specific recommendations are directed more to the field people.

DR. HENDERSON: You change it to "State" and "OSO" to "CIA"?

DIRECTOR: Make it OSO/CIA.

DR. HENDERSON: Are you changing the "Chiefs of Mission"?

GEN. IRWIN: Would you mind backtracking to paragraph 5 at the top of page 4? "CIA and the other agencies will assign, within the limits of available appropriations, professional and clerical personnel for temporary duty with AFSA." I am not quite clear what they propose.

DIRECTOR: The money we have left over, we will give them. I don't know how much we will be able to give. If we have any we will send them out there. Anything on Recommendation 7? We have no comments on either 7 or 8.

GEN. CABELL: I have a suggestion on the last line of 8. I would change the last line. Cut out "to some extent frustrated clear-cut action" and say "has to be guarded against." "It is recognized, however, that a reluctance to resort to higher authority has to be guarded against."

MR. ARMSTRONG: What we had in mind was to -

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DIRECTOR: I would prefer this one.

MR. ARMSTRONG: - accommodate the Committee's rather strong feeling that there has been frustration in the past to set up warnings which your language would bring in. I would be glad to add it.

DIRECTOR: What is your word?

MR. ARMSTRONG: Add it at the end "and has to be guarded against."

DIRECTOR: Any other comments?

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